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WINS THE FIRST PRIZE

THE FIRST COUNT IS IN
Marie Dixon Gets the Prize of Ten Dollars

The first count in the Mist and Merchants piano contest, which was held Thursday afternoon, showed Marie Dixon to be in the lead and she was awarded the \$10 in gold for receiving the largest number of votes up to that time.

The awarding committee consisted of H. J. Southard, L. E. Allen and E. E. Miller, and their count of the contents of the ballot box showed the following results:

Marie Dixon, St. Helens	31,617
Norma Clittim, St. Helens	30,850
Della Cooly, St. Helens	4,825
Edna Kallberg, Warren	8,425
Mildred Allen, St. Helens	1,175
Lola Clear, St. Helens	1,000
Donatly John, St. Helens	1,000
Inez Barber, St. Helens	1,000
Cladya Ashby, St. Helens	1,000
Mrs. E. E. Dill, St. Helens	1,000
Edrie La Haro, St. Helens	1,000
Mrs. Earl Bard, Houlton	1,000
Edith Drew, St. Helens	1,000
Edna Gartman, St. Helens	1,000
Anna Hattan, St. Helens	1,000
Cladya Hobbs, St. Helens	1,000
Adella Link, St. Helens	1,000
Fay Lynch, St. Helens	1,000
Helen Harris, St. Helens	1,000
Helen Paulson, St. Helens	1,000
Beth Perry, Houlton	1,000
Ribel Burgess, St. Helens	1,000
Edith Clark, Houlton	1,000
Helen White, Houlton	1,000
Janetta Moffitt, Houlton	1,000
Margie Spence, Houlton	1,000
Edna Dunne, Houlton	1,000
Ann Cooper, Warren	1,000
Florence Larson, Yankton	1,000
Marrella Black, St. Helens	1,000
Maud Harrison, St. Helens	1,000
Nadine Nace, St. Helens	1,000
Mrs. Morley, Houlton	1,000
Zella Constantin, St. Helens	1,000

The contest is now under good way, and many of the contestants and their friends are showing great interest, and from now on until the end of the contest the race should increase in intensity. The difference in the number of votes credited to the several contestants is not large enough to make any material difference in the final outcome, and the contest, hard work and staying qualities of the respective contestants are of more importance in deciding who will win in the remaining two counts than the number of votes any one candidate has at present. Every contestant in the race has a fine chance to win the grand prize. The leaders in the first count are those who have been working the hardest in gathering up votes, and in getting their friends to trade with the merchants giving out coupons. Everyone of the leaders must keep working or one of the candidates further down the list will pass her. It is up to each individual candidate; if she wants to be in the running in the last two counts, she can surely be if sufficient effort is put forth. The merchants have the coupons to give away. Get your friends to trade with them, and you will be that much nearer to winning the big prize.

The second count will be held on Thursday, March 7th.

There are eight valuable prizes for distribution, and while every one of the contestants is striving for the capital prize, the other eight are well worthy of consideration, so every contestant stands a splendid chance of winning if the proper spirit is put into the fight for coupons. Keep busy after subscriptions, and keep after the coupons from the following merchants:

- Noah's Ark.
- Williams & Hall Co.
- H. Morgus & Son.
- E. A. Ross.
- James Muekle & Son.
- Von A. Gray.
- A. T. Kiblan, Houlton.
- A. J. Deming.

The mill will start up again one week from next Monday. The whistle will certainly be a welcome sound.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

Bible Study Optional—The Cigarette Arithmetic

A suggested course in Bible study has been prepared for pupils outside of school hours, by Supt. Churchill. A knowledge of the Bible is essential, and though one may not be interested in it as a manual of devotion, he should be familiar with its literature and history. This course is elective, wholly optional with pupils and parents, and at no time required by the teacher. To those interested in Bible study, Sunday school teachers, etc., this course will be very interesting, and may be had for the asking.

In 1900, two billion six hundred thousand cigarettes were made in this country. In 1913, fifteen billion eight hundred thousand were made, an increase of eight hundred per cent to the cigarette arithmetic which is not much of an arithmetic, yet it can add nervous troubles to a boy, subtract from his physical energy, multiply his aches and pains, take interest from his work, and discount his chances for success, divide his mental powers, eliminate him as a factor in real life. One prominent merchant in Columbia county carries a complete line of general merchandise except—cigarettes.

A Parent-Teachers' association was organized at the Beaver Homes school District No. 9, January 28, 1916, for the purpose of securing better co-operation between the home and the school. Mrs. C. F. Lincoln was elected president; Mrs. Henry Wassar, vice president; and Mrs. J. L. Archibald, secretary-treasurer. A short program was rendered. Meetings are to be held the first and third Fridays of the calendar month, at the schoolhouse. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. This school is planning to serve hot lunch in the near future. Miss Mary McGregor and Miss Manzella Fullmer are the teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Thursday afternoon a number of the High School boys met and organized a Scout Patrol. Their object is to become better versed in woodcraft and general knowledge. Dewey Smith was elected patrol leader and John Southard, scout scribe.

The seniors are planning to give a play soon after the basketball season is over. We are anxious to see the histrionic ability of these pedagogues in making.

The glee club did not go to Columbia City on February 4th, as planned. There is a possibility of a game with Scappoose here next Friday.

The Domestic Science girls have finished their sample work and are now sewing on useful garments.

The High School pupils were given a much needed rest last week. Much gratitude was felt to the inclement weather.

Following the physician's orders, Dale Perry will discontinue basketball. All the High School regret this necessity, because Dale is one of the main pillars of the team.

YOUNG TROUT COMING

Through the efforts of the St. Helens Rod and Gun Club the streams near here will be stocked with young trout. There will be a million of the young of the little beauties and when they reach the legal size the coming angler will not have to lie about his string.

In the near future State Game Warden Shoemaker will give an exhibition by movie of the Oregon game, both animal and fowl.

SHIPPING NEWS

The Collio sailed Wednesday with a cargo of lumber and piling, and also 26 passengers for San Pedro and San Diego.

The steamer Hoquiam left Monday with 750,000 feet of lumber for San Pedro.

The steamer John Paulson left last Friday for San Francisco with 700,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Multnomah is expected in Saturday and will drop down Monday.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING

Farmers Urged to Build Up Quality of Livestock

The February meeting of Columbia County Pomona Grange was held at Warren on Saturday, Feb. 5. K. N. Lovelace, master, presided.

Professor Kennedy, from the O. A. C., was present and urged the farmers to build up the quality of their livestock.

All officers except three were present, and, in consideration of the weather, a goodly number of members also. A large class of initiates (38 in number) was conducted to the Court of Pomona. Subordinate granges throughout the county reported the order in good condition. Among resolutions adopted was one of condolence on the death of the late Bro. W. H. Keyser.

Miss Iva Tarbell and Than Brown led the class of initiates to the different stations, their work in this line being perfect. Mrs. Hoyt of Warren, assisted as musician.

The members of Warren Grange entertained the visitors and the tables were loaded with all the good things the farm and orchard can produce, and in spite of the wintry weather, the meeting was one of the best that has been held for some time.

A letter from Mr. Collins of Woodburn, was read, regretting his inability to be present, also one from Judge Clarke.

During "Lectures hour" a varied program of songs, recitations and addresses was given by different members.

Mr. Tarbell of Warren, spoke on the co-operation of creameries.

K. F. Larsen gave a five-minute talk on "Progress." The Cornet duet by Mr. Dunton and Mr. Buss, was enjoyed by all. Ray Tarbell of Yankton, broke out in verse boosting for the 1916 fair. We expect to see the verses set to music, so that we may be able to sing the "boosting song" at our meeting in May, which we hope will be with "Armstrong Grange," at Scappoose.

PROGRAM

The following program will be given by the local Teachers' Institute in the High School building, Vernonia, Oregon, Feb. 19, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.:

1. Piano Solo . . . Mr. F. B. Launer
2. Primary Numbers . . . Miss Gladys Gessell
3. What, When, Why, of Story Telling . . . Miss Madge Thomas
4. Educational Features of the "Movies" . . . Mr. W. H. Hurley
5. School Helps . . . Miss Lora M. Cook
6. The Teacher's Business . . . Mr. A. M. Winn
- Noon Recess
7. 1:30 P. M.—Music . . . Vernonia High School
8. Civil Government . . . Mrs. Blanch Mackie
9. Hot Lunch . . . Miss Lucile Clark
10. Subject, Selected, Mr. O. G. Weed
11. Your Work and Mine . . . Supt. J. W. Allen
12. Music
13. Paper, Selected . . . Mrs. F. E. Malmsten

CIRCUIT COURT NOTES

Western Loan and Bldg. Co. vs. W. H. Wilkinson; order confirming sale.

Jennie C. Lynch vs. Geo. W. Lynch; divorce granted.

State vs. Roy Jensen and State vs. A. Popham; dismissed.

Lorena Chrisman vs. Elizabeth Neuhausen; taken under advisement.

State vs. Wm. Parsons; plead not guilty, bail fixed at \$200.

Allie Buttersworth vs. Elmer Hayden et al.; dismissed as to R. F. Graham.

H. O. Howard vs. H. W. Wells et al.; part of testimony.

Geo. A. Brinn vs. A. T. Kiblan et al.; motion for default denied.

W. L. Cornell vs. Geo. F. Moeck, Jr.; judgment for \$323.79 and costs.

Jno. W. Patrick vs. S. P. & S. Ry.; motion for new trial, 30 days to prepare bill of exceptions.

LOCAL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Teachers' Meeting at Rainier, Saturday, Jan. 29, 1916

About fifty of the live teachers of Columbia county assembled in the new High School building at Rainier, Saturday, for an all day session.

At meetings such as this, teachers renew their professional batteries—charge themselves anew with energy and determination to win as well as give and receive plans that have been tried successfully. Thus, they are valuable both to the teacher new in the work and to the experienced one, who is liable to work in a groove. To keep pace with progress in other vocations, teachers must plan to meet new conditions.

The musical harmony of the program was furnished by the Rainier High School quartet, a chorus of twelve from the eighth grade, and a motion song by eight of Miss Barnett's pupils, who also gave a beautiful physical culture drill. In "The Social Life of a Teacher," discussion by J. H. McCoy, two classes of teachers were described who should change their plans; the one who is in the district only during school hours, or as little as possible, and the teacher who tries to do all and be the social and religious center of the community. The first is of little social value to the people, the second is apt to use too much of her energy outside of school to do efficient class work. Teachers and parents should be in intimate touch in order that home and school conditions may harmonize.

L. L. Baker reported a successful organization of teachers in a reading circle at St. Helens.

Mrs. Bird B. Clarke described the plan for hot lunch which she has introduced at Yankton, greatly to the delight of the pupils and parents.

P. J. Kuntz, superintendent of Rainier school, says that the devices of corporations for saving time, are valuable, and that the present teaching methods will become obsolete. If a pupil knows a thing, why repeat it in recitation? Better keep "busy" at new work. Tell nothing to be unlearned. Call a noun a noun; be prepared to know and do things; pupils should get something definite every day, do something worth while; eliminate worthless things.

L. L. Baker considers accuracy and speed essential in arithmetic, especially in reading problems. A pupil should learn that two and three are five and not count it. There is much in our tests that is of no value to the average child. The reasoning part of a problem is four times as valuable as the solution. Pupils must think the relationship of the answers to the given factors, state problems, and test his own work. Problems in tests should have the operations indicated.

"School Management," C. E. Lake. The main factors in management are efficiency and effort. Work should begin the first day. School laws should be enforced. Labor of other kinds is specialized; that of teachers must be. Plans for management vary from mechanical organization to self government.

L. F. Austin emphasized the idea that athletics should be run for the benefit of the pupils and not for the purpose of winning games. Not all pupils are primarily interested in books; therefore, a proper use of athletics may encourage good class work and promote clean habits among the boys.

H. E. Beck led the discussion in history. The children should find the important points in the lesson, and outline them. The teacher must find out what the pupils should get from the lesson and teach that. Illustrate events from the experience of some one if possible; also correlate with current events. The reading of historical books is important and credit may be given for it.

Speaking on the subject "English," Miss Groshong endeavored to bridge the gap between the English as taught in the grades and High School English. Pupils should have a working knowledge of grammar, should appreciate good literature, and should have ability to express their thoughts.

Supt. Allen supplied the other topics.

FINED FOR KILLING SONG BIRDS

Fined \$20.00 and Costs and Gun is Confiscated

James Pooles, a Greek, was arrested Friday by Deputy Game Warden Brown on the charge of killing wild birds and hunting without a license. He was arraigned before Judge Philip and fined \$20 and costs, which amounted to \$3.85. Whether he had the necessary coin or not is not known, as he preferred to go to jail.

George Pappas, also a Greek, was arrested for having a gun in his possession and the gun was confiscated.

It may not be generally known, but according to the constitution of the United States, a foreigner is not allowed to carry fire arms of any kind and the penalty includes both fine and confiscation.

It is not the intention of the officers of the game law to "cinch" every violator, but their principal aim is to prevent violation.

Alaska robins, also the native robin, are very numerous and are being well cared for. Some have been trapped and placed in enclosures and will be liberated. This is no violation of the law and is rather encouraged. This also applies to the sprightly little linnet that takes to the cage like a canary.

SLOW, BUT SURE

The deep snow was too many for the auto bus between the city and the depot. J. H. Urie rigged up a bob sled and with four horses met all trains sure and prompt. With the melting snow when the runners cut through, he resurrected the old bus that did business in the days of yore, and took care of the traveling public. The bus still bears the title of Morton & Stout.

ies of particular interest to teachers, such as the placing of money obtained from the land grant in the irrevocable school fund, thereby reducing taxes; changes planned in the certification of teachers; and the question of holding the next annual institute in Portland in connection with Multnomah county and making it a joint institute, for the reason that the funds would be doubled and better speakers could be obtained and a better program prepared. The teachers present favored the plan. No action was taken. Revoking of exemption grades, attendance, truancy, tardiness, etc., were also taken up. Not the least appreciated part of the welcome given the teachers of Rainier was the dinner and supper served by the ladies of the Congregational church in the basement of the Methodist church.

The following teachers were present at the institute:

- Dist. 2—L. L. Baker, C. E. Osterlander, J. H. McCoy, Amanda Lake, Lillie M. Leith, James Brehaut, C. E. Lake, Naomi Wiest, Ethel A. Mathews, Beth Perry.
 - Dist. 3, Deer Island—Marguerite A. Kearns.
 - Dist. 4, Hudson school, Rainier—Alice Stennick.
 - Dist. 5, Clatskanie—Genevieve M. Howell.
 - Dist. 7, Warren—Willis L. Dunton.
 - Dist. 9, Goble—Mary McGregor.
 - Dist. 10, Marshland—Mrs. Jennie Love.
 - Dist. 12, Fernhill school, Rainier—Athline D. Tolly.
 - Dist. 13, Rainier—P. J. Kuntz, H. E. Beck, Levi F. Austin, Marie Holmes, Myrtle M. Groshong, Ruth E. Dibble, Isabelle T. Mann, Jane Barnett, Bertha Harbison, Edena M. Clarke, Ethel A. Allen.
 - Dist. 16, Stehman school, Rainier—Helen O. Dangerfield.
 - Dist. 20, Goble—Mrs. E. E. Mal-laber, Anne Ketel.
 - Dist. 25, Quincy—A. B. Owen, L. B. Chappell, Mabel H. Mollin.
 - Dist. 30, Yankton—Mrs. Bird B. Clarke, Kate M. Moore, May Novak.
 - Dist. No. 37, Goble—Lillian Cooper.
 - Dist. 40, Clatskanie—Mrs. Mae Anderson.
 - Dist. 50, Mist—Edna Dalziel.
 - Dist. 52, Mist—Mrs. E. H. Morrison.
- WILLIS L. DUNTON, Secy.
J. W. ALLEN, School Supt.

AN HISTORIC STORM

THE WINTER OF 1916

Sixty-Three Inches of Snow—37 Days of Storm

The great historic storm is over. It continued from New Years until Sunday, February 6, even Sunday morning snow continued to fall.

The welcome chinook came with balmy breath Sunday forenoon and the average Oregonian wore a smile that refused to blow off. Icicles dropped from sagging wires by the yard, and those who ventured out did so at their peril. Icicles from buildings endangered pedestrians but no serious injuries resulted.

The awning in front of George's market, with its load of snow, fell with a crash and barely missed a patron. The awning in front of the Linville building was torn down as it was a menace to the public. The awning in front of Harris' is the only one left in town.

While the mercury did not drop as low as at some periods in the past, the duration of the storm holds first place in the weather annals of this section. The fall of snow was exactly 63 inches by actual measurement. Mr. John Philip kept a correct record of the fall and he is the authority for the above statement.

The telephone and telegraph lines suffered heavy loss from broken poles and wires. The loss of the local phone company of this city is estimated at from \$6000 to \$8000. A force of men have been at work all week. A gang of the Pacific Telephone Co. were here Sunday assisting in the work.

The shipbuilding plant was unable to work for just one week. The big mill is shut down undergoing repairs, but the little mill whistle announced activities Monday morning.

In the hill country the snow ranged from three feet to six and those communities were virtually "holed up."

However, stock suffered but little and the loss to farmers was slight.

Business in town was reduced to a discouraging point but since the weather clerk has adjusted matters to a normal period, business has increased.

Wood was at a premium and sold for \$4.50 per cord and not a very big cord at that. As the mill was shut down this source of wood supply was therefore cut off.

Snow from roofs and porches had to be shoveled off to prevent damage. The interior of the Masonic hall is almost ruined from leaks and a new roof will be necessary as soon as the weather will permit.

The business portion of the city was in darkness only two nights following the silver thaw. Others had to resort to coal oil lamps and candles. The supply of candles only lasted a few days.

Orchards suffered greatly as many trees were broken down entirely and others almost ruined. English walnut trees being naturally "branchy," could not uphold the heavy coating of ice and went crashing to earth.

LIST OF TRANSFERS.

Reported by Columbia County Abstract Company.

Feb. 2—N. P. Ry. Co. to Arnold S. Graham; land in S. 21, T. 8 N., R. 4 W. \$490.00.

Arnold S. Graham et ux to L. W. Ball; land in S. 21, T. 8 N., R. 4 W. W. M., \$10.00.

Feb. 3—M. E. Page et ux to Columbia County; land in North Clatskanie, \$25.00.

Feb. 5—Geo. F. Moeck et ux to W. H. Howard; land in Fox D. L. C., \$10.00.

Norman Merrill et ux to Milton O. Bryant; land in Clatskanie, \$250.00.

A. B. Wright et ux to Frederick Trow; lot 6, blk. 1, Blanchard's Addn to Rainier, \$100.00.

Feb. 7—The Whitney Co. Ltd. to Edgar B. Foss; land in S. 28, 30, 32, 33 and 34, all in T. 6 N., R. 3 W., \$10.00.

Feb. 8—S. D. Correy et al to A. S. Graham; land in S. 14 and 15, in T. 7 N., R. 4 W., \$2961.00.